

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Dear Chairman Powell,

As someone who cares about media diversity and who is against business monopoly, I am sending my comments to you AGAINST dropping the cap on how many markets a cable company can penetrate.

Our country was built on competitive markets where people had choices. This is especially important for news and, now, the internet.

The airwaves are a public resource. We have regulations to protect air, water and soil. Well, the cable companies go through all these resources to send their feeds. It is not fair to allow big companies to monopolize the markets and use their size to gobble up smaller businesses.

Whenever there is a monopoly, the citizens suffer by paying higher rates for less service. Cable companies will be providing internet access in the not-too-distant future. It is crazy to allow a few big companies to take over our entire huge country.

As Nancy Reagan says, JUST SAY NO.